

To whom it may concern:

I understand that the NAB petition 04-160 intends to restrict the availability, variety and quality of the product XM and other satellite radio services provide. I respectfully urge you to reject this petition as it will handicap the economic force of a free market and impose restrictions on a first amendment right of freedom of expression.

I enjoy the freedom from the monotony of local programming, incessant chatter and mindless advertising promoted by local broadcasters, most of which subscribe to extremist levels of censorship in language and content. I enjoy local weather and traffic on XM because I am not harrassed by the stupidity of 5th grade intellect of Texas broadcasting stations. If the market deems that local broadcasters are not providing the service level, content and information that the public wants and is willing to pay for, the NAB is attempting to impose a monopolistic level of ownership by attempting to pass this petition. I respectfully urge you to consider that the adult, tax paying audience this petition attempts to affect will not turn back to local broadcasting. It is the place of a free market economy to drive the level of success for businesses, not legislation. Let the supply and demand of the market determine which businesses succeed, which will adjust their product to better suit the public interest, and which will fall by the wayside for lack of service, lack of interest and just poor business planning.